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See page 4, on which pinpoint the following ministries, all of which had red tile roofs:

- 1. Ministry of Agriculture (Ministerstvo na Zemedeleto), an old stucceed-brick, four or five-storied building, 150 x 30 x 25m, located on Boulevard Khristobotev.
- Ministry of Forests (Ministerstvo na Gorite), a white stone, three to five-storied building, 20 x 150 x 18m. It was constructed in 1949 and was located on Sofroniy Street.
- 3. Ministry of Internal Trade (Ministerstvo na Vitrishnata Torgoviya) which was constructed in 1947. The building, 40 x 201x-20mg had a white stone front and was six stories tall. It was located on Graf Ignatiev Street.
- 4. Administration of National Supplies and National Reserves, (Upravleniye Derzhavno Snabdyavane i Derzhaven Reserv UDSDR). This organization was housed in the former Imperial Hotel on Boulevard Aleksander Stambouliskiy. The building was sevenstoried, brick-stucced, and L-shaped. Each wing was 20 x 20 x 30m. The chief of the organization held the rank of minister.
- 5. Ministry of Mining (Ministerstvo na Minite i Podsemnite Bogatstva), a corner building on Lenin Square and Boulevard Stambouliskiy. It was an old brick building with a white-stone front, 20 x 15 x 20m, and was four-storied. This ministry is an independent ministry but was formerly subordinate to another ministry

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- 6. The Ministry of Jurisprudence (Ministerstvo na Pravosydieto) and the Military Tribunal (Voyennen Syd) were located in a building called the Palace of Justice (Sydebna Palata); this building was a rectangular building with a center courtyard. Each side of the building was approximately 100 x 30 x 25m. The chief of the Military Tribunal was a colonel, Lagadinova (fnu).
- 7. Commission for State Control (Kommisiya za Derzhaven Kontrol). The Commission had offices in a four-storied building, 50 x 25 x 20m, with a white stone front. It was located on the corner of Boulevard Stambouliskiy and Lomska Street. The head of the commission was Dimo Dichev.
- 8. The Ministry of National Health (Ministerstvo na Narodnoto Zdrave) was located on the corner of Lenin Square and Boulevard Stambouliskiy. The building was a five-story structure, 40 x 20 x 25m, with a white-stone front. The head of the organization was Dr. Petr Kolarov.
- 9. The future location of the Ministry of Heavy Industry (Ministerstvo na Teshkata Promishlenost') in an area which contained four or five buildings undergoing construction. This area was to become the new center of Sofia. The present location of the Ministry of Heavy Industry is described under Point 22.
- 10. The future site of the Ministry of Electrification (Ministerstvo na Elektrifikatsiata) was a building under construction.
- 11. State Planning Commission (Derzhavna Planova Kommissiya), a building on the corner of Boulevard Dondukov and Serdika Street. This building was an old. brick-stuccoed, six-storied structure, 20 x 20 x 25m. the Commission was headed by Karlo Lukanov.

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- 12. The Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Council of Ministers was the largest building in Sofia; it was rectangular in shape with a center courtyard and was located on Aleksander I Square.
- 13. Ministry of External Trade (Ministerstvo na Venshnata Türgeviya), an old, three-storied, brick-stuccoed building, 30 x 15 x 15m, located on Molotov Street.
- 14. Ministry of National Defense (Ministerstvo na Narodnata Otbrana) whose offices were housed in an old, four-story, white-stone building, 100 x 50 x 20m. Enlargement of the structure was in process. This building was located on Levskiy Street; its entrance was guarded by armed soldiers.
- 15. Presidium of the National Assembly (Presidium na Narodnoto Sebraniye) where foreign emissaries presented their credentials. The building, 60 x 20 x 30m, was a five-story, white-stone structure located on Moskya Street. It had been constructed about 10 years ago and was enlarged in 1952.
- 16. Ministry of Culture (Ministerstvo na Kulturata), an old five-story, white-stone building, 30 x 15 x 20m. It was located on Boulevard Russkiy. The Minister of Culture was Rubin Abromov.
- 17. Ministry of Cinefication (Ministerstvo na Kinefikatskiata), an old five-storied, brick-stuccoed building, 15 x 10 x 20m, located on Rakovskiy Street.

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- 18. Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministerstvo na Venshnite Raboty), a four-storied, white stone building, 60 x 20 x 20m, was located on Slavyanska Street. This building formerly housed the Ministry of Jurisprudence.
- 19. Ministry of Finance (Ministerstvo na Finansite), a five-storied, stuccoed-brick building which was L-shaped; each wing was approximately 30 x 15 x 25m. It was located on Rakovskiy Street. Its minister was Kiril Lazarov.
- 20. Ministry of Electrification (Ministerstvo na Elektrifikatsiyata), an old, three-story, stuccoed-brick, L-shaped building; each wing was 40 x 15 x 20m. The building was located on 6 of September Street. The minister was Kimon Georgiev.
- 21. Ministry of Internal Affairs (Ministerstvo na Vutreshnite Raboty), an old, five-story, white-stone, U-shaped building. The front was 100m in length and wings were 25m. This building, located on 6 of September Street, had its entrance guarded by armed militiamen.
- 22. Ministry of Heavy Industry (Ministerstvo na Tezhkata Promyshlennost) located on Graf Ignatiev Street. The building was L-shaped, constructed of white stone, and was five stories tall. Each wing was 40 x 15 x 25 m.
- 23. Ministry of Transport (Ministerstvo na Transporta), an old, three-story, brick-stuccoed building, 20 x 20 x 15m, on Levskiy Street.
- 24. Ministry of Communications (Ministerstvo na Poshtite), which handled post, telegraph, and telephone communication, was located on Levskiy Street. The building was five-storied, white-stone, and L-shaped; each wing was 40 x 20 x 20m. The minister was Tsola Drafoycheva.
- 25. Ministry of Community Economy (Ministerstvo na Kommunalnoto Stopanstvo), located on Slaveykov Square. The building was an old, five-story, brick-stuccoed, U-shaped structure. The main front was 80m long and the wings 30m. The building was 15m wide and 25m high.
- 26. Ministry of National Education (Ministerstvo na Narodnata Prosveta). It was located on Slaveykov Square and was an old, six-story, brick-stucced building, 20 x 30 x 25m.
- 27. Ministry of Light Industry (Ministerstvo na Lekhata Promyshlennost'), an old, six-story, brick-stuccoed building, 20 x 30 x 25m. It was located on Graf Ignatiev Street.
- 28. Ministry of Food Industries (Ministerstvo na Khranitelnata Promyshlennost), located on Vasil Kolarov Street. The building, constructed in 1948, was white stone, five-storied, and measured 50 x 20 x 25m. The minister was Russy Khristozov.

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